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Hon. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: MB Docket No. 02-277 (Omnibus Broadcast  
Multiple Ownership Proceeding)

Pursuant to 47 CFR §1.1206, this will disclose that in connection with this permit-but-disclose proceeding, on behalf of MMTC a meeting was held April 29, 2003 from 4-5 PM with Hon. Michael Powell and his Legal Advisor, Susan Eid, Esq. Representing MMTC, in addition to myself, were Jerome Fowlkes, Henry Geller, Esq., Charles Glover, Reginald Hollinger, Julia Johnson, Esq., Deborah Lathen, Esq., Francisco Montero, Esq. and S. Jenell Trigg, Esq. Many of the points set out in the meeting were reiterated in a subsequent meeting held by Ms. Trigg and myself with Michele Ellison, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, at 5:00 PM the same day.

The substantive points addressed in the meeting are explained in greater detail in our April 28, 2003 Letter to Michael Powell, already on file in this docket ("Letter"). We organized our presentation around three themes:

1. Access to Capital, remediable through a system of Diversity Credits (Letter, pp. 8-9) and through Commission participation in conferences at which minority broadcasters can be brought together with financial sources and with broadcasters who might have stations to sell (Letter, pp. 23-24). MMTC will organize one such conference soon after the Commission's ruling in this docket, and we asked the Chairman to participate and include commission staff members on the agenda.

2. Access to Opportunity, remediable through adoption of an Equal Transactional Opportunity (nondiscrimination) policy (Letter, pp. 11-19), through Staged Implementation of such regulations as might be adopted (Letter, pp. 4-6), and through adoption of the date on which reconsideration concludes as the Effective Date of the new rules (Letter, pp. 22-23).

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3. Access to Growth, remediable by expanding FM spectrum availability (Letter, pp. 10-11) and by closing a loophole in the broadcast auction rules that eviscerates the system of minority ownership-promoting bidding credits (see separate letter of this date in MM Dockets 95-31 and 97-234).

We also discussed the Chairman's tentative plans for an advisory committee that would address minority and female ownership (Letter, pp. 19-21). We expressed the view that such a committee could be effective if it is endowed with sufficient staff and budget, if it had top-flight members and broad authority to consider a wide range of new ideas and proposals, and if it were bipartisan.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary.

Sincerely,

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